



Albrighton Parish Council

Monthly Newsletter

December 2023

Albrighton On Holiday – Winners!

Albrighton Parish Council and Library host a competition every Summer for local residents of all ages to send in post cards of their travels, whether it is a UK stay or a beach holiday abroad! Please note that our winners are drawn at random.

This year's winners are:

1st Finn and Albie - £10.00 book voucher

2nd Edith - £5.00 book voucher

3rd Dawn - £5.00 book voucher

Congratulations to Finn and Albie, and thank you to those who took part.



Rewilding Event for our Coronation Gardens

Albrighton Parish Council have a small piece of land, which was formally part of the Allotments. To bring it back to life, Albrighton Parish Council's General Purpose Committee have been working hard to plan and organise a Coronation Garden to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III as well as bringing life back to the empty space.

On Wednesday 8th November 2023, a number of children from St Mary's Primary School, Albrighton Primary School & Nursery, Birchfield School and Idsall School joined the Parish Council to help plant trees and create a bug hotel to encourage wildlife.

We cannot thank the children enough for what a fantastic job they have done! We really appreciate their hard work and enthusiasm to encourage wildlife and nature to bloom!

Our thanks to the donators and those who have contributed:

David Austin Roses, Ren-New Reclamation Yard, Moongate Plant Centre, Shropshire Pallet Recycling Ltd, Boningale Nurseries, Boningale Homes, RAF Cosford and Albrighton Fire Station. Our additional thanks go to the Cork Family for their help and the Water Works located next to the site for consideration of their being children around and limiting their deliveries on this day.



Warm Space is back open for Winter 2023 to April 2024

Opening times for our Warm Space:

Monday	10.00am to 4.00pm
Tuesday	12.00pm to 4.00pm
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	10.00am to 4.00pm
Friday	10.00am to 4.00pm
Saturday	10.00am to 12 noon

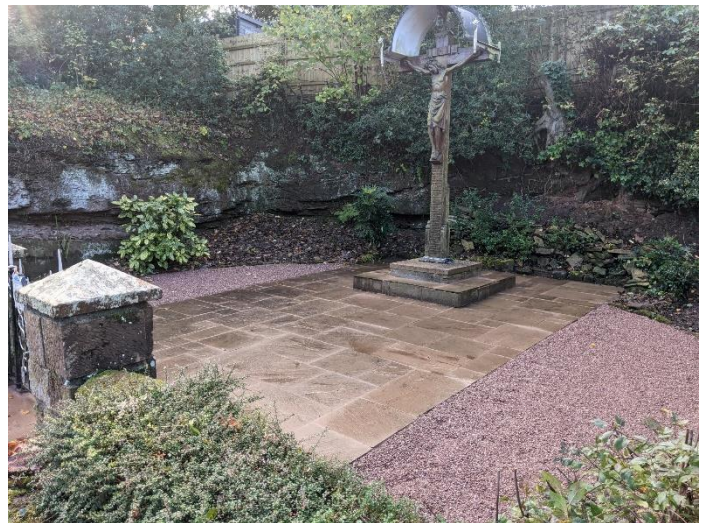
We are pleased to inform residents that our Warm Space is back open from Monday 6th November 2023 to 1st April 2024. Please note that our opening hours for the Warm Space differ to our Library opening hours; this is to allow for group activities and to allow staff the opportunity to tidy away at the end of the day.

Our Warm Space is free of charge, however, donations are welcome!

Albrighton War Memorial

We are delighted to see work starting to take shape to the site of the Albrighton War Memorial. As members of the public may be aware, the refurbishment project is an immense project with many layers of work required.

We as a Parish Council are so pleased to see the site is taking place, ready for the removal and refurbishment of the structure in the near future. Fantastic that this is in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. Enormous thanks to Fletchers Landscaping who conducted this work on behalf of Albrighton Parish Council.



We would like to thank RAF Cosford for their help and assistance with clearing the trees, bramble and groundworks at the site. Our thanks are also extended to the Melville Club members for their donations towards the refurbishment costs.

Albrighton Parish Council Meetings

Albrighton Parish Council have a variety of meetings throughout the month to discuss any Council business or various issues raised by Councillors or residents concerning the Parish of Albrighton. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings, but will be asked to leave during confidential sessions. All Full Council Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, with the exception of January where it is the second Thursday and August for Summer Recess. Planning and Events Committee meetings are ad-hoc. All Agenda's and Minutes can be found on our website:

<https://albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes> and on the noticeboard outside the Red House and in the Library.

Meeting schedule for the next few months:

- Finance, HR & Grants Committee - Wed 22nd November at 6.00pm held at Albrighton Library
- Full Council Meeting – Thursday 7th December 2023 at 7.00pm held at The Red House
- Full Council Meeting – Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7.00pm held at the Red House
- General Purpose Committee - Thursday 18th January 2024 at 6.00pm held at Albrighton Library
- Finance Committee – Thursday 25th January 2024 at 6.00pm held at Albrighton Library
- Events Committee January 2024 at pm held at Albrighton Library

Albrighton and surrounding areas Health & Wellbeing Survey has launched!



HELP US KEEP ALBRIGHTON A HEALTHY AND HAPPY PLACE TO LIVE!

Together, we want to keep Albrighton a healthy and happy place to live. A place where you and your loved ones can feel good and have what you need to stay healthy. This begins at home, at school and in the community.

We care about what you value and what makes you feel healthy and well in your community. We want to know if there are things that could be improved or done differently to help you and your loved ones feel even better.

Help us understand our communities and share what you know using the QR code below or online at: <https://forms.office.com/e/Casd50FtcH>

Paper surveys can be returned to the post-boxes located in Albrighton Library, Albrighton Medical Practice and The Red House.



Help us to keep Shropshire local, understand our communities and work together to find the right services for you. Please complete the short survey and share what you know with us! Scan the QR code or copy this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Casd50FtcH>



Click this link and let Shropshire Council know what you think

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Survey closes 18th December 2023



Public Transport Information Boards

We are so pleased Shropshire Council has updated the Public Transport Information boards! Councillor Illes and the Parish Council Office staff have been requesting these to be updated for several years and are pleased to see the updated posters have now been displayed.

Grant Funding

Albrighton Parish Council awards grants to local organisations and community groups to assist them to achieve their aims and objectives; and benefit the community of Albrighton.

The Community Grants funding is created each year as part of the annual precept and is allocated under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Grants given so far this year:

- St Mary's CofE Primary School – Crucial Crew - £310.00
- Red House – Coronation Tea Party for elderly - £900.00
- St Mary's Church – Church Yard Maintenance - £1,500.00
- St Mary's Church – Beer Festival - £700.00
- Albrighton and Donington Fayre – Summer Fayre - £1,000.00
- Albrighton Allotments Association – Storage Container Purchase - £1,950.00
- Melville Club – Running Costs of Community Transport Minibus - £2,000.00
- Red House – Summer Playscheme Activities - £1,800.00
- 1st Albrighton Scout Group – Refurbishment of Washroom facilities - £2,000.00
- St Mary's Nursery Group – Various play equipment - £702.49
- Red House – OAP Christmas Party - £900.00
- Table Tennis Club – Building Insulation - £2,500.00
- Citizens Advice Bureau – Community Outreach Support - £4,191.00
- Red House – Christmas Fayre - £500.00

Total Grant Funding given: £20,953.49



Pictured(L-R): Clerk to the Council, Joanne Oliver with Peter Illes and Richard Webster from the Melville Club



Pictured(L-R): Steph French from Albrighton and Donington Fayre with Chairman, Councillor Adrian Robinson



Pictured(L-R): Tony Thomas from Albrighton Allotments Association with Chairman, Councillor Adrian Robinson



Pictured(L-R): Vice-Chairman, Councillor Colin Noakes and Raymond Farnworth from the Table Tennis Club



Pictured(L-R): Dorothy, Faye Willies from St Mary's Nursery Group, Councillor Jan Gold and Mabel



Pictured(L-R): Jon Gill from 1st Albrighton Scouts, Evie, Chairman Councillor Adrian Robinson, Sophie and Eve, Scout Leader Richard Wild

Christmas Lights Switch On

On Thursday 23rd November 2023, Albrighton Parish Council in partnership with Red House hosted a Christmas Light Switch On Event. We would like to thank all the volunteers and staff at the Red House for creating such a fantastic event for the community. Our thanks go to the RAF Cosford Station Commander and Warrant Officer for switching on the Christmas Lights.

Albrighton Traders Extravaganza

Lots of shops and pubs will be open late on Saturday 2nd December 2023 for their Christmas Extravaganza. Follow their Facebook to keep up to date:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086742147629>



The poster features a light blue background with white snowflakes. At the top, a white banner with black text reads 'ALBRIGHTON TRADERS'. Below this, the word 'Christmas' is written in a large, red, cursive font, followed by 'EXTRAVAGANZA' in a green, sans-serif font, and '2023' in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font. A green banner with white text reads 'SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER'. To the right, there is a green Christmas tree decorated with yellow and red ornaments and a yellow star. In the center, a large red Christmas ornament with a white bow at the top contains the text 'Save the Date' in a white, cursive font. On the left side, a list of activities is shown in a grey, sans-serif font: 'LIVE MUSIC', 'LATE NIGHT SHOPPING', 'STREET FOOD', 'SANTA', 'STALLS', and '& MUCH MORE, DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY'. In the bottom right corner, the text 'WV7 3' is displayed in a grey, sans-serif font.

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What's on at Albrighton Library

- Every Third Tuesday of the month- Shropshire Council and their partners

Shropshire Council and their partners attend Albrighton Library every third Tuesday of the month, this is a free information, advice, and support session. You can expect help and support with:

- Housing Support
- Children's Health and Wellbeing
- Dementia Support
- Financial Advice
- Healthy Living Advice
- Home Fire Safety
- Domestic Abuse Support
- Drug & alcohol Support
- Getting Older

Available every third Tuesday of the month from 9:30am to 12:30pm

Dates: 19th December 2023, 16th January 2024, 20th February 2024...

- First Wednesday of the Month – Rhyme Time with Lauren

Join Lauren for Rhyme Time every first Wednesday of the month from 10.30am for stories, songs and lots of fun! Rhyme Time is targeted for ages 0-4 year olds, but older siblings are welcome to come along during half term. Please note that parents/guardians must accompany children at all times. Spaces limited to 30, but no need to book!

Available every first Wednesday of the month from 10.30am to 11.30am

Dates: 6th December 2023, 3rd January 2024, 7th February 2024, 6th March 2024...

- Fourth Wednesday of the Month – Age UK Albrighton Friendship Group

Meet up with friends or make new ones from your area at Age UK's Albrighton Social Group, starting Wednesday 22nd November 2023 from 2pm-4pm. The social group is for people aged 60+ and is a great way to catch up with friends or meet new people while enjoying a cup of coffee/tea or a slice of cake.

For more information, please call 01743 233 123 or email enquires@ageukstw.org.uk

We will also be having a Community Blood Pressure Champion at the session.

Available every fourth Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm

Dates: 24th January 2024, 28th February 2024, 27th March 2024...

- Every Day – Warm Space

Our Warm Space is back open for Winter 2023 until 1st April 2024. Open to all members of the public to have a cup of coffee/tea, cup of soup and biscuits.

We are pleased to confirm that our Warm Space is now open to the public to have a tea/coffee, biscuits, or cup of soup. Keep warm this winter! We have lots of puzzles and games to keep you occupied.

**Please note that our Warm Space is open at different times to our actual opening hours; this is to allow for groups and activities, as well as allowing our staff time to tidy up at the end of the day.*
Our Warm Space will be open until 1st April 2024

Bumper Book Sale – Wednesday 13th December 2023

Albrighton Library will be hosting a Bumper Book Sale on Wednesday 13th December 2023 from 10am to 12pm. Expect lots of adult and children's books, cake, and coffee! We are asking for a minimum donation of 20p, please feel free to be generous! Proceeds will be split evenly between Albrighton Library and Shropshire Libraries.

Albrighton Library and Parish Council Christmas and New Year Opening Times



A polite reminder that Albrighton Parish Council Office and Library will be closed over Christmas and the New Year.

The Parish Council Office will close Friday 22nd December 2023 at 5.00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 9.00am.

The Library will close Saturday 23rd December 2023 at 1.00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 10.00am.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Albrighton Parish Council Staff and Councillors!